

Church News.

STILL ALIVE IN THE VINEYARD.

It is with joy and gladness we inform through the EVANGELIST, our christian readers, that we are alive in Jesus. We love to praise Jesus for it makes us happier here on earth, gives us better friends, and a home eternal. And we are glad that Christ came, to pay the debt, that we might live, by trusting in his word.

We are glad we know there is a reality in religion. We testify through experience, for, when this world seemed to be one cloud of darkness, not a ray of sunlight to our eyes, when the death angel visited our home and took from us husband and father. What could we do poor and weak as we were? Only to go to Jesus for strength and help. All through these days, months and years, with four small children to support and seemingly alone in the world, God has been our guide. He has comforted us in trials, troubles and afflictions. We bless his name to-day. We would not give the hope we have for heaven for all this world. for what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul. Oh, trust in the Lord, you will find him true in every time of need. Let us praise him at home; let us call on him before a dying world. May we grow stronger each day, and become more Christ like, that others may follow our pathway. We have the assurance we are children of the King because we love the brethren. Our heart reaches out for a christian society. We love God's children everywhere. In the EVANGELIST we find names of brothers and sisters who have written so often it seems as though we are almost acquainted with them. We enjoy reading their letters and especially those who have been so kind as to come and help us in the good work. We often speak of them and our prayers go out in their behalf, that God will send showers of blessings upon them and if we never meet on earth again, may we meet in heaven. Our prayer meetings are truly interesting. The church had the pleasure of surprising our minister with a pound party not long since, and a more complete surprise could not have been. One hour was well spent in song and prayer service, after which we listened to a respond from Brother Mast. Our intention for pounding our brother was to show our thanks and kind feelings towards Brother Mast and family. We had a good time and all went home rejoicing. The church appreciated Sister Grossnickle's visit from the 26th to 29th; congregations were small on account of the Methodists holding a revival meeting. The Sisters' Society feels greatly encouraged by Sister Grossnickle saying we seemed to be doing so nicely. She hardly knew of any suggestions to make that would be

of any help to us. Nevertheless she gave us new ideas and thoughts which we shall try and practice in the near future, and we hope by the time Sister Grossnickle comes again we will be doing still better.

We cannot do too much for the cause of Christ. Let us do all we can while it is day for when the night comes no man can work.

MRS. ALICE J. HOLMES.

BRYAN, OHIO.

We would ask the EVANGELIST for a little space in its columns, though we are not loaded with many items, yet we wish to show our presence there, and join the chorus of the many voices as they sing in their course, marching towards the setting sun.

Our faces may not be so familiar as they might be, but if you will only permit us to appear occasionally, we shall, in time to come, prove more plainly to you that we are members of the same happy band, and are struggling hard to become better acquainted with all whom we may chance to meet.

We have a very nice church here in the city and believe it will some time prove to be the source of gathering many precious souls to their Maker.

To this purpose we are actuated through the columns of the EVANGELIST, to solicit the prayers of our brethren knowing that Mark xi: 24, says, "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Now brethren I shall talk as though I was acquainted with you, coming at you boldly asking you to help us, knowing "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much."

Our financial condition is not at all discouraging. To this we attribute the great zeal in which our brethren labored in resorting to many different means to defray the cost.

In addition to this we shall not fail to mention the ardent efforts made by the sisters, that they too may contribute to the glorious cause.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely with an average attendance of about fifty scholars.

King's Children meets every Sunday afternoon and is growing more and more interesting.

We have preaching Sunday morning and evening. It is nearly two years since there has been regular services here and we pray that all our brethren here will again join hands in this earthly reunion that we may all be better prepared to join hand in that happy reunion beyond the cold river of death.

Brethren pray for us that we may be more able to lay aside all malice and prejudice and prove God's children ever victorious over the enemy and by us continually asking His blessing we shall always have secured for ourselves. "A shelter in the time of storm."

Yours for the cause of Christ,
P. M. Swinehart.

FROM BETHEL, MICH.

DEAR BRETHREN of the household of faith, Bro. J. M. Fox of Peru, Ind., being called home on account of the illness of his wife, did not finish the protracted meeting at this place. After his wife recovered sufficiently, he came back on his way to Campbell, Mich., and stopped off a few days with us and as a present result, three more made the good confession and still there are more to follow. Bro. John preaches the truth fearlessly, yet makes friends wherever he goes. It seems that nearly everybody is his friend. He is liked so very much that we expect to secure his service here for at least one year. We have about one half of the amount already subscribed. He has gone to Campbell, Mich., and our prayer is that God will so abundantly bless him that much good will be done there. At least there will be glorious result if prayer and hard work and the blessing of God can avail anything. Pray much for us.

WALTER CLARK.

FROM BUTLER, IND.

DEAR EDITOR: We held our quarterly communion at brother John Fales Bro. Henry Kizer officiating. There were sixteen communicants. We had a very good meeting and a very good congregation considering the inclemency of the weather and bad roads. Bro. Henry preached a very able sermon on the last supper of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and of washing of the saint's feet. Our class though young, only being organized since July 21, 1894, is in the best working order, each one taking their yoke and bearing it manfully for him who died on Calvary's rugged brow that we might live.

We have our prayer-meetings every week and they are good ones too for Christ says where two or three are together in my name I will be in their midst.

WM. ELLIS.

FROM WARSAW.

Our brethren here have great reason indeed to rejoice. For three years in succession the Lord has rewarded their earnest labors with an abundant harvest of souls. This year twenty-nine have been received into the church; twenty-seven by baptism and two by relation. Of these only one is what you would call a young convert and only three come from families of members so that our borders are considerably enlarged. All are noble workers. Two would begin preaching at once were a way provided, one of whom was formerly a G.B. preacher and the other has been a horse jockey of wide experience. He seems to have great natural ability and deep consecration and when he has "proven" himself I think will yet be a power for good. We mean to keep up this revival spirit and organize personal work throughout the entire year for verily "The field is the world" We

an now preach against pride in a fine new suit of clothes—thanks to the good Lord and his generous hearted people here.

C. F. YODER.

ANOTHER CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

The writer commenced a meeting in the McAlisterville school house, Juniatta Co., Pa., on the evening of November 24th; continued until the evening of November 3rd. Preached eleven sermons, received six by relation and two by confession and baptism. Organized with eight members. Name of district "Peach Grove." Name of congregation 1st Brethren church of McAlisterville, Juniatta Co., Pa. May the God of all grace bless his little Zion, may he be around and about her as a wall of fire to protect and keep her safely from the power of opposition and persecution and may she become a power in the hands of our kind Father in heaven, for the salvation of the world.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.

KANEMORADO ITEMS.

BEAVER CITY, NEB., Dec. 5th, '94.

DEAR READERS OF OUR PAPER:—We again take up our pen, after more than a usual delay, to let the family of brethren and sisters hear from Beaver City.

We have just closed our series of meeting which began Nov. 4th, and continued until Dec. 2nd, closing with a communion service.

This has been to me the most blessed meeting I ever attended or conducted; while it was attended with a great deal of labor upon my part; having to make a nine mile drive every evening for twenty-eight days. But God blessed our labors.

On Sunday November 25th, one young sister was received by baptism and in the evening five more came forward, and were received by baptism on Thanksgiving. These are all substantial additions to the church. On Sunday morning two dear ones who had strayed from the fold expressed a desired to return and were received back, and again surrounded the Lord's table in the observance of his ordinances.

Many others were deeply impressed; yet remained out of the fold;—God bless them and give them courage and strength to leave Satan's ranks, and come on heaven's side of the gulf, and be saved.

We expect to begin a series of meetings on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, at Portis, Kans.

Did our Eastern churches realize the financial conditions of the churches here in the west, as the result of two successive failures of crops, I am sure they would respond to the appeals for financial aid to carry on the work of the Master:

In connection with the burden we are already bearing here as a church, our brethren are arranging to rent,